

She received a number of awards and decorations during her military career including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Arkansas Commendation Medal. In 2018, she was inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame. It was a well-deserved honor for her tremendous military service and her dedication to fighting for the needs of servicemembers and veterans throughout her years with the U.S. Senate.

It has been a blessing and true honor to have Anita Deason as a member of my team. Her unique perspective, dedication, and caring nature have been invaluable in our work to meet the needs of Arkansas' veterans. She truly made a difference. We will all miss working with her and wish her the best of luck in retirement.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1917. An act to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2278. An act to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 5, 2021, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1917. An act to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2329. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recapture of Excess Employment Tax Credits under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (RIN1545-BQ09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2330. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice regarding the Special Per Diem Rates for 2021-2022" (Notice 2021-52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2331. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Reporting Qualified Sick Leave Wages and Qualified Family Leave Wages Paid For Leave Provided in 2021" (Notice 2021-53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2332. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Germany in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 21-049); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2333. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Germany, for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad (Transmittal No. DDTC 20-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2334. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Australia, the UK, and the UAE in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 20-090); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2335. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Thailand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 20-082); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2336. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense

services to the UK in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 21-018); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2337. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Total and Permanent Disability Discharge of Loans Under Title IV of the Higher Education Act" (RIN1840-AD48) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" (29 CFR Part 404) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2339. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Updating Payment Parameters, Section 1332 Waiver Implementing Regulations, and Improving Health Insurance Markets for 2022 and Beyond" (RIN0938-AU60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2340. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Tolerances for Residues of Unapproved New Animal Drugs in Food" (RIN0910-AF78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2341. A communication from the Compliance Specialist, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tip Regulations Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); Partial Withdrawal" (RIN1235-AA21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2342. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2021 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2343. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's fiscal year 2020 Actuarial Evaluation of the Expected Operations and Status of the PBGC Funds; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2344. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-176, "Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Support Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2345. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hiring Authority for Post-Secondary Students" (RIN3206-AN86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.